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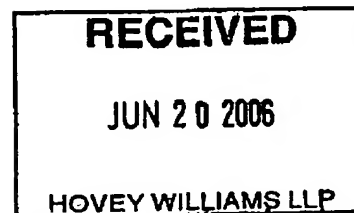
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Hovey Williams LLP
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Attention: Mr. Stephen D. Timmons

Dear Sir:

RE: AGCO Canadian Re-Examination
Canadian Patent No: 2,188,870
Canadian Patent No: 2,189,029
Canadian Patent No: 2,300,818



We refer to the proposals for amendment filed recently on the above patents by your Associates in Canada Gowling Lafleur Henderson and particularly Konrad A. Sechley of that firm.

We attach copies of papers filed on behalf of MacDon which include comments which point out a number of potential weaknesses in those proposals. You will see that the papers terminate with the conclusion that the proposals for amendment should be rejected leaving the patents invalid.

You will note that the potential weaknesses identified in respect of the Canadian patents also will reflect on the corresponding US patents. You may therefore wish to ensure that the US Examiner is advised of these comments so as to ensure that allegations cannot be not raised at a later time that you have withheld these comments in order that the US Examiner may proceed in ignorance of these comments. You will also note that the papers include a translation of the reference of Maier which is EP 0 016 661 which was not

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previously submitted. You may also wish to send this translation to the US Examiner since it is our understanding that no translation of this reference is on file.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

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